

Each recently received plague remonstrated, and forbade the rashness of the monarch, but all in vain. On he rushed even to the division of the waters. In his self-confidence, he engaged in battle with Jehovah, God of Armies. The conflict was of short duration; the arm of the Lord prevailed; Pharaoh and his men of war were swept away with the waters of destruction.

MISSION WORK IMPERATIVE.

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There in no nation upon the face of the globe that has more real cause for gratitude and earnest thankfulness than that of our own country. Every where around us we are constantly reminded of God's goodness toward us, and the means employed with which to win souls to Christ. All our hearts surely rejoice, not only at the thousands of accessions to the churches everywhere, in all denominations; but at the many ways in which Christian soldiers may do something for their God, thus adding star after star to their crown of righteousness to be worn through all eternity.

In this line of thought we have very beautifully portrayed our own little Sister's Society of Christian Endeavor, of our Roanoke City church. This society was organized with about twelve members, fourteen months ago, and although very few of them have been able to work a great deal, the others are no less devoted to the cause, and are sincere in what they do. About twenty dollars has been made, and the work was done with willing hands and anxious hearts, and it is being used for home missions. It is the earnest desire of each of the members to do something for the Sister's Society, and to give their little contributions to missions in the greatest need. In most instances home missions should be remembered first. In our country the call for missionaries is not so great as in heathen nations. Still there is always a place very much in need of a donation, however great or small. This money is used also to alleviate the wretched conditions of our poverty stricken friends. A very small amount, with a kind word and a careful instruction relative of the path toward heaven,

will turn the face of a wayward soul toward the eternal city, also causing a rich benediction from our Father to rest upon our heads.

Our S. S. C. E. has organized societies in many of the states, and all report good work and an expenditure of the funds for good causes. All churches have these societies and are constantly increasing the funds for foreign missions. These missionaries are educated and sent to heathen countries where their light shines with a brilliancy exceeded only by that of our Savior. They devote their entire lives to the Master's cause among the heathen, thus spreading the Gospel truths everywhere. We have no heathen in our own land, but there are no less subjects for pity, and are needful of every effort upon our part to assist them over the rugged path they have chosen to a safer and smoother one.

In these societies every one, whether a church member or not, is given an equal chance to work. There is always something to do, therefore do not hesitate to bear your portion of the burden. "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light," says our Savior. A work done with willing hands and Christian intentions is never irksome.

The Savior's time upon this earth was devoted to the consideration of the welfare of his associates, thus exemplifying the line of work his followers are to perform. "By their works shall ye know them." "Let your light so shine that all men may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

The world will be conquered for Christ. This is as he intended. The church has recognized the influence of young people's work in these and foreign fields; and is giving them encouragement to take up the work in every department.

Are we going to stand by and see millions of souls perish for the aid of a helping hand? No, we love to see our own beloved denomination increase too well. Now suppose we take the money used in proselyting and substantiate the mission cause. We will some day realize our fond anticipations. Perhaps you think we are weak; but if our little division of God's mighty forces, the Brethren church, was really baptized

with the Holy Spirit, we should have a comparatively short time until we should reap our rich rewards.

"God loveth a cheerful giver." "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations." This was last commandment. It was given with the same intent as the one on baptism. And if we do not heed are we not in danger of, "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and teach men so, shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven?"

If "times are hard," deny yourself of a luxury now and then, and contribute that much to your society fund. It never seems hard to contribute to your lodge fund, or to any pleasurable society, but we so often see the path to the missionary box paved with rougher stones. But God works wonders and employs agents of those who love him as a means of spreading the truths.

The Man of Sorrows laid the stone for a temple to be erected upon this earth by his most faithful followers. The S. S. C. E. is one of the ante-rooms to this mighty structure which will not be complete until the last trumpet shall sound, when he shall say: "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

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REJOICE IN THE LORD.

If you would live above your physical conditions, if you would renew your strength continually and "mount up on wings as eagles, and run and not be weary, walk and not faint," if you would carry in your veins the exhilaration and zest of unwearied youth and freshness, if you would know, even here, in all its fullness, the foretaste of the resurrection life in your body, if you would be armed against the devil's shafts of infirmity and pain, and throw off his arrows upon your body as the heated iron repels the water which will not lie upon it, then, beloved, "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice."—*Sel.*

When men start to walk with the devil they expect to bid him good by at the first corner.

It takes grace to keep still while some body else is getting credit for work that you are doing.